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The Reign of the Common People.

The appeal of the ministry of England from the House of Commons to the electors suggests that in one respect the Mother Country is more democratic than a democracy. Here a House of Representatives is elected for two years, during which time no appeal to the people is possible. The last House of Commons has served less than a year, and is dismissed that the people may declare for or against Home Rule for Ireland.

In addressing the electors the Hon. Wm. E. Gladstone has boldly declared that he appeals from the classes to the people. All the classes, he says, are against him—the nobles, the clergy, the men of wealth and of assumed station. The people have not there inherited prejudice against the poor and the weak, and so may be expected to support a bill designed to give increased rights to local communities.

Whatever may be thought of this argument, it is certain that the scepter of authority is passing from privileged classes to the great mass of the people. The suffrage of England has increased more than 2,000,000 within a decade and generation. Against property suffrage the old gibe of Franklin can always be quoted with force. When it was proposed to make a property suffrage of \$250, the latter proposed the conundrum: Suppose a man to own a mule worth the prescribed amount. Upon the way to the poll the animal is taken sick and dies. The man is deprived of his vote. Which then holds the right to a vote, the man or the mule?

In Elizabeth's time, the golden era of England, as it has been called, the common people were accorded few rights and no authority. Privileges were granted through the benignity of the reigning sovereign, and powers were exercised as a matter of grace rather than of right. Upon the low-lying lands of Holland the question of popular sovereignty was fought out against the barbarous despotism of Philip II.

From that time forth the people of England, France and Germany little by little acquired powers, which possession taught them to use with discretion. These powers were never willingly yielded, but were wrung from their hereditary possessors only by the exercise of stern force and indomitable will.

Every inquiry was defended under the name of a divine right, which right was originally derived through force, and maintained by law, the permission of a few leaders and military power.

To hold power, whether civil or religious, many will deny to the masses education, popular sovereignty or social influence. The struggle for Home Rule in Ireland is a battle of the masses against hereditary rights, a conflict in which the people will be sure to win, though the battle be long, bloody and disastrous.

It will be said of democracy that it is not free from danger. Majorities are not invincible; they are not necessarily right. Majorities of one may be turned into minorities by the death of an elector. Bad men may control their counsels—ignorance cannot make wiser laws than intelligence.

Yet the experience of mankind has determined that the trial by a jury of one's peers is the fairest method of arbitrament possible to mankind; and while the masses cannot have cultivation, they can and do possess shrewd mother-wit, and that goodness of heart, and fairness of judgment which make their decisions respected and valuable.

Power, wherever lodged, is accompanied by responsibility. To be permanently held it must be wisely used. Nihilism in Russia, Anarchism in England and America are evidences of its wanton abuse.

Strikes to prevent the free employment of labor, boycotts, and assaults upon harmless workmen, are evidences of a despotism as real and as unholly as those of

King or Emperor. These tend to check the advance of the people's power; but when promptly disowned and punished, show the growth of wisdom among the masses. Upon this depends the continuance of the reign of the common people. All indications point to the conclusion that where free education is granted to the people, they may be trusted with a large exercise of political power.

The result of the elections in England show that the vexed Irish Question is not to be settled on the plan proposed by Mr. Gladstone. Indeed it is doubtful if the great statesman will live to see any solution of the problem which has received so much of his attention during the last years of his power. But the care and labor which he has devoted to the subject will be of great service to those who shall have to deal with it in the future, and it is one of those questions which can never be settled until it is settled right.

Out of the excessive fermentation of the present, there must come a residuum which will help the English people to take the final steps which shall accord to their Irish brethren that measure of justice and equity which shall tend to the unity and consolidation of the empire rather than to its disintegration and final overthrow. Ireland needs England fully as much as England needs the Emerald Isle.

It is interesting to observe the impression which Henry Ward Beecher is making upon the people of England. It is very plain that they have observed the changes which his character has undergone in the quarter of a century which has elapsed since he visited those shores as the outspoken representative of the Union sentiment of the North, at a time when nearly all England was waiting for the triumph of the Confederate States. He visits them now representing no one but himself, destitute of his former influence, his character smirched by his moral and religious and political apostasy. They are at a loss to comprehend his flippancy method of treating serious questions, and they evidently hold him in slight esteem. This is quite in contrast with the respect shown to Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, whose reception could not have been more cordial than it is. But Holmes and Beecher are two very different men.

The Prohibition Party have arranged for a grand mass meeting in Essex County this week, at which Gen. Clinton B. Fisk of St. Louis and New York and Sea Bright, will be introduced to the Democratic Union of New Jersey.

Such an introduction would seem to be necessary, as very few Jersey men ever heard of him until he decided to be a candidate for Governor. We do not underestimate the strength of the Prohibition party, we recognize the fact that they have great capacity for harm, not only to the Republicans, but also to the cause of temperance in this State. We fully expect them to carry out their part of the implied contract with the rum party. If they cannot do this they might as well go to pieces at once and leave the temperance question to be settled by its real friends, the Republicans.

There is a good deal of discussion now heard in the newspapers concerning the time for holding the Republican convention to nominate a candidate for Governor. The general impression seems to be that the latter part of September will be soon enough. We can see no good reason for holding an early convention. A short campaign is easier and generally is just as effective. New Jersey is a very thickly settled State and four fifths of its votes are cast in the cities and large towns. The old stumping days are over for us and the votes are secured not by speeches so much as by personal attention on election day. No one wishes to engage very actively in politics with the thermometer up in the nineties.

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6:15, 6:59, 8:20, 9:45, 11:10, P. M.,

12:39 A. M.

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12:40, 1:30, 2:10, 3:40, 4:20, 4:50, 5:30,

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6:03, 6:53, 7:40, 9:03, 10:38, 12:08 P. M.

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